

## Tribune's Special Dispatches.

## Washington Affairs.

[Special Dispatch to the Tribune.]

Washington, Sunday, Oct. 27.

The announcement of Mr. Hobbie's resignation is premature. He has notified Mr. Hall it will take place in all of next month. His successor is to come from the South.

Mr. Hodge, of the *New-Orleans Commercial Bulletin*, has been appointed Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and is to be here by the 10th proximo at furthest.

Gen. Scott, Twigg and Wool are here. The Joint Military and Naval Board upon the question of rank convenes to-morrow at the National Hotel.

The Secretary of the Interior returned from Virginia this evening.

The Recordship in the Land Office is to be filled by a lawyer from Indiana.

Col. Mitchell, of Minnesota, is here, and intends contesting the seat of Mr. Sibley as Delegate from that Territory.

The President's family arrived last night.

## By Telegraph to The Tribune.

Citizens and strangers can examine the operation of the Magnetic Telegraph by calling at Norton's Telegraphic Rooms, 177 Broadway, N. Y.

## The Fugitive Slave Law in Boston.

Boston, Sunday, Oct. 27.

At about half-past 4 o'clock yesterday morning, W. J. Knight, who is alleged to be a slave-catcher from Georgia, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Hugg, on a writ for slander. The writ alleged that Knight charged William Crafts, a citizen of Massachusetts, with being a slave. The charge was made in the sum of \$10,000. Knight was taken to Mr. Hugg's office, where a great crowd soon assembled, composed of whites and blacks. Abuse was heaped upon the prisoner, but no violence offered. Knight, after remaining in custody about half an hour, obtained bail in \$10,000, and was set at liberty. This is said to be one movement of a series by the opponents of the Fugitive Slave Law to render its execution as obnoxious as possible. The Committee of Vigilance have several sessions, and have, it is said, resolved to invite the suspected fugitive slave seekers to leave the City forthwith. So far, no attempt has been made to arrest a fugitive. The warrants lie dead in the Marshal's office. The excitement is great. Many say the law should be enforced, while others say that it shall not. A number of fugitives, fearing they cannot be protected, have fled to Canada.

## Great Flood at Utica.

Utica, Sunday, Oct. 27.

It has been raining here for two or three days, and the streams in the neighborhood have become greatly swollen, causing the first floors in the factories in East Utica to be flooded. Both the Globe and Steam Woolen Mills were flooded. At the latter the water filled the finishing room, damaging a quantity of cloth and wool. The loss is estimated at \$20,000 or \$30,000. The Hallisters' loss on the damage is estimated to amount to about \$5,000. It is feared damage has been done to the State canal and other public works.

## Destruction of a Flaming and Flouring Mill, at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Saturday, Oct. 25.

The extensive planing and flouring mill of J. P. Howell, in St. Louis, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning, at 5 o'clock. The stock of flour and wheat destroyed amounts to \$2,500—insurance \$2,000. The lumber destroyed amounts to \$2,500 uninsured.

## Extensive Fire at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Saturday, Oct. 25.

A fire broke out last night in Hackler's rectifying liquor store, where, after burning three hours, consumed the entire building and a collection of furniture, including a piano. The loss is about \$50,000, and is not insured. Several persons were badly hurt by falling walls.

## The "Mysterious Knockers" in Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, Saturday, Oct. 25.

The Happing Spirits have arrived here and will shortly commence their knocking operations.

## Murder.

Boston, Sunday, Oct. 27.

At Meredith Bridge, New Haven, on Wednesday day, the murdered body of a young man named Edward Davis was found. A man named Richard Planders, whose wife, it is stated, was seduced by Davis, has been arrested for the murder.

## From Mexico.

From the N. O. Herald, 18th.

We received yesterday files of papers from Tampico to the north, and from the city of Mexico to the 15th ult., being eighteen days later than our previous advices.

The returns of the election for President, which had just been held, were beginning to come in pretty freely. It was not known positively who was elected, though the chances appear to us to be in favor of Arista, though the *Defensor* of the State considers Almonte the certain victor. Arista is supported by the whole Government influence, did not poll near so strong a vote as had been expected. Aguascalientes and some other places voted for Santa Anna. Arista carried the State of Tamaulipas, and probably San Luis Potosi. The State of Mexico has probably voted for Almonte. Michoacan has voted for Gomez Polanco. Gen. Porfirio Diaz received a strong support in many places.

The returns so far look very confused, and it is not possible to tell who is elected. The vote is given by States, and the right of suffrage is extremely limited. Should Almonte be elected, it will be a triumph of the extreme republicans, as they are called. Arista and Diaz belong to the Moderate or conservative school of politics. Whether the election will result in a revolution or a *prorogamento* remains to be seen, though judging from the past history of Mexico, such an event would not be at all improbable. It has been said that Arista would not abide by the election of Almonte, but would in such a case endeavor to secure the independence of the Northeastern States under the name of the Republic of the Sierra Madre. Arista is very popular in all that section of country, but as those States, viz: Tamaulipas, Coahuila and Nuevo Leon, have always adhered to the Federal party, in order to make head against the great influence of the capital and the Central Department, they would have no ground for complaint of the election of Almonte, identified as he is with their principles.

The 16th of Sept. the great Mexican anniversary, was celebrated with great pomp.

The Mexican Government has taken the alarm at the movements of the Indians on the North-eastern frontier. Arista, the Secretary of War, has issued a kind of general order, in which he alludes to the treaty of Guadalupe as binding upon the United States to keep the savages from their march into the Mexican Territory. He then says that the United States is engaged in driving the Indians out of all that Territory which formerly belonged to Mexico, and that the ejected savages will come within the Mexican limits, and, after getting a foothold under pretense of amiable intentions, will vent their ferocity upon the defenseless inhabitants.

On any account to be permitted to cross the frontier. In another document Arista quotes the words of the treaty, and calls on the President to bring it to the notice of the United States, in order that our Government may comply with its obligations.

The States of Chihuahua and Durango are making preparations to put a stop to the depredations of the Indians, by which they have been so long harassed to the most miserable condition. Each State is to provide and equip for the campaign 500 men, and during their absence on duty the interior is to be defended by the National Guard.

The *Monitor Republicano*, the official organ of the Mexican Government, alludes to the statement that in April last an agent of the Southern States visited that capital incognito, in order to propose a plan of confederation between Mexico and the Southern States. The *Monitor* denies on authority this statement, asserting that it is false from beginning to end: that the Government was unaware even of the existence of such an agent; that consequently the plan alluded to never was proposed to the Mexican Cabinet; was never discussed therein, and that the British Minister never has addressed a word to the Mexican Government on such a subject. This wonderful story falls to pieces.

The Governor of the State of Chihuahua sends

to the General Government a letter complaining bitterly of outrage committed in the town of El Paso, by another party of 300 Texans. (Several others had previously been of complaint.) The letter urgently calls for the assistance of the Supreme Government in repressing these disorders.

In the State of Durango 64 Mexican troops made an attack on about 100 Indians who had been robbing the village of Saniquillo. The savages were defeated with some loss.

Bustamante has been appointed General of Pinar del Rio, the officer having died recently.

The *Eco del Comercio* says that D. Tomas Murphy has been appointed Minister to Great Britain, in place of Dr. Mora.

On the 16th ult. the railroad between Vera Cruz and San Juan was inaugurated.

The diligence which left Mexico on the 17th ult. for the interior was assaulted and robbed by five mounted robbers. The passengers were despoiled of their luggage and money.

News has been received from Yucatan, but it does not amount to anything special. In some of the districts in the South and East the scarcity of grain was so great that the soldiers went four or five days without eating. In Campeche, also, there was great deficiency of corn. The *Clamor Publico* urges the necessity of calling on the Government of Mexico for assistance.

## CITY ITEMS.

Yesterday was such a day as one enjoys only with the adjuncts of a good fire and a better bottle. A cold drizzly morning, inducing long lies bedativeness, was followed by a tornadoish midday, productive of close stay-at-home-ness, and to this succeeded a gusty, blustery night, suggestive of early retirement and sound sleep, while the uneasy wind shrieked and moaned at the gable and burglariously rattled the windows. It was in all respects a disagreeable day, divided between muggy showers and raving tornadoes of wind, and closed by a night cold, breezy, cloudy and mounless, and of course dark and disagreeable. The "blues" prevailed to an epidemic extent, and every body was expressly miserable.

The steamer *Arctic* sailed at 12 o'clock Saturday for Liverpool, with 61 passengers, among whom we notice a large number of the Lorillard family.

FOR CALIFORNIA.—The U. S. Mail steamer *Ohio* sailed at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon with 239 passengers and a heavy mail. The list of the passengers will be found in another column; we notice several distinguished names.

FIRST WARD.—CURTIS JUDSON, present incumbent, has been renominated by the Whigs for Assistant Alderman.

SIXTH WARD.—One of the Whig Charter conventions in this Ward has nominated JOSEPH CARLISLE for Assistant Alderman.

FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.—The Whig Convention met at the Broadway House on Saturday evening, Lewis Benedict in the chair. The Convention balloted for a candidate for member of Congress, with the following result: Briggs, 14; Van Norden, 10. Majority for Briggs, 4.

So George Briggs, present member, was nominated. Daniel Ullman was not a candidate in Convention.

EIGHTEENTH WARD.—The Whigs of this Ward have nominated WILLIAM GREEN for Assembly, and ALONZO A. ALVORD, the present incumbent, for Assistant Alderman.

COLLISION.—At an early hour on Saturday morning a collision took place between a sloop and steamer, on the North River, a short distance above the Cortlandt wharf. The steamboat Empire, Capt. Tupper, was coming down from Troy, and when off Chambers st. the pilot discovered a sloop under full sail coming directly toward them, with a stiff breeze. He requested the man at the helm of the sloop to change his course and go under their stern, but it seems the steersman could not accomplish it in time, and the vessel came in collision with the steamer with great force, a short distance aft of the forward gangway. Several of the steamer's braces were stove in, as was also a portion of the rigging; the sliding above the first deck was greatly damaged, and it was soon ascertained that the bowsprit of the sloop had run through the store-room, making great havoc with the contents. Upon entering the shattered store-room, the crew found the head cook (a colored man named David Lee), with his legs jammed between the guards of the steamer and the sloop's bulkhead. The poor man was quickly extricated, and upon an examination his left leg was discovered to be crushed to a jelly, and other parts of his body dreadfully injured. The limb probably have to be amputated. After considerable exertion the two vessels were got apart and the steamer was towed to her berth, off of Cortlandt-st. where the damages will be repaired. The unfortunate colored man resided in Pearl-st. near Broadway, when on shore, but it was deemed expedient to convey him to the City Hospital, which was done by order of the captain.

COLLISION.—As the steamer *Pacific* was passing up the North River yesterday afternoon, she came in contact with the ship *Emerald*, which arrived from Liverpool, laying at the end of pier 4 breaking in the larboard bow of the *Pacific*, and damaging the starboard guard of the steamer. An idea of the force of the shock may be formed from the fact that the bow timbers of the ship, which are placed as close together as it is possible to place them, and then caulked, were broken in like so many shingles.

DESPERATE AND PROBABLY FATAL ASSAULT.—On Saturday evening two drunken fellows named Patrick Flaherty and James Sheridan, entered a liquor store in Thirtieth-st. near Seventh-av. kept by a man named Thos. McDonald, and called for something to drink. The landlord seeing the condition they were in, refused to comply with their demands. They then became exceedingly noisy and abusive, and McDonald's son, Jackson, who was in the store at the time, attempted to put them out. The ruffians then drew knives, and stabbed McDonald in the left breast and side, the latter thrust entering the kidney, producing in all probability a fatal wound. Jackson was also badly stabbed. The ruffians then went into the street and there they met one Henry Eisell, who attempted to arrest them, but they also stabbed him on the side. By this time officers Shaw and Patten of the Sixteenth Ward came up, upon which the fellows ran and were pursued for nearly half a mile before they were overtaken, and when the officers came up with them they made a most desperate resistance, and were aided by a gang of fellows of a similar stamp. The officers finally captured and took them before Justice Bleakley, who looked them up to await the result of the injuries they had inflicted. The wounded men are all lying at the grocery, too much injured to be removed.

FIRE.—About 2 o'clock yesterday morning, a fire broke out in the carver shop of Darlington & Jackson, 204 Center-st. The building and contents were badly damaged, though the Fire Department got the fire under in a very short space of time. The cause of the fire is unknown.

FIREMEN'S VISIT.—The Northern Liberties Engine Company of Philadelphia will visit New York and Boston in a week or two, with their new and magnificent apparatus. Bayley's Band will accompany them.

A Temperance meeting will be held to-morrow night in the Mariner's Church in Hoesevelt-st. Let it be well attended.

A grand Temperance meeting of the Chelsea Benevolent Temperance Society will be held this (Monday) evening, at 7 o'clock, at Kaicker's bocker hall, corner of Eighth-avenue and Twenty-third-st. Addresses by Mr. Leeds, Secretary of the Society, and Rev. Mr. Burdard, and good singing may be expected.

ARRIVAL OF THE PRIMA DONNA.—Among the passengers in the *Pacific*, arrived yesterday from Liverpool, was the expected Prima Donna, Mlle. PARODI. She is accompanied by a Miss Guegon, and we believe by her brother: the three are at the Union-place Hotel, where rooms had been previously engaged for them. Mlle. PARODI will make her first appearance at the Italian Opera House, Astor-place, in *Norma*, probably on Monday next. Her fame has preceded her, and the musical world is in a state of anxious expectancy to hear her.

HOME AGAIN.—Among the arrivals by the *Pacific* yesterday we notice the names of Rev. Dr. Potts, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Esq., Hon. J. L. White and C. Astor Bristol, all of this City.

ARRIVALS.—Captain Hugh N. Page, Lieut. Avery, D. Ochiltree, M. Legard, H. McGunagle, M. Rainey, U. S. Navy, Capt. C. H. McBair, Lieut. Maclit, John B. Gluch, U. S. Coast Survey, S. P. Quackenbush, steamer *Pacific*, Hon. J. C. Noyes, Portland, Hon. A. Rencher and M. V. Jones, Tennessee, Professor R. Hare, Dr. Sharpless and family, Philadelphia, Professor John McLean, Princeton, J. Gilman, S. C. Adams, W. B. Young, Boston, are among the arrivals at the American Hotel.

THE OPERA.—To-night the Company at Astor-place give *Lucia di Lammermoor*. The rehearsal on Saturday prepared us to anticipate a rare feast for this evening. Bertuccio sang with a spirit and power which really surprised us, exceeding, as it did, our highest expectation. Benedetti was not able to appear as *Edgardo*, in consequence of indisposition, but Signor Forti ably sustained the part, rendering it with much better effect than he did last year. With the present and the promising operatic excellence, the public will have a perfect jubilee of musical enjoyments.

WE are pained to notice among the announcements of deaths in another column that of Mr. HENRY P. ROBINSON. He was widely known as the publisher of many spirited and striking caricatures. He died at Newark, N. J. on Saturday last, of dropsy.

MILITARY REVIEW.—On Tuesday next Brigadier Generals Morris, Hall and Ewing's several brigades will be reviewed at 4 o'clock P.M. in front of the City Hall, by Gen. Paetz. The battalions are all, at present, in superb condition, and will present a fine military display of artillery, cavalry, infantry and riflemen. Brigadier General Storms has been invited to join in these honors.

BONAPART'S.—A rare opportunity is now offered for obtaining one of the best business stands in Broadway, the fancy store, 325, the stock of which was lately sold at auction. See advertisement.

BURGLARY AND MALICE.—Some time on Saturday night the Printing Establishment of George F. Nesbit in Wall-st. was entered by some person or persons, who apparently had no other object in view than to do the greatest possible amount of damage to Mr. N.'s property. Yesterday morning Mr. N. found his types upset, whole forms knocked into pits, cases overturned, bands and blankets of presses broken and cut, and every imaginable mischief perpetrated. He offers a reward of \$500 for the arrest of the guilty party.

NEW-YORK AMPHITHEATRE.—This establishment, located at 37 Bowery, is to open this evening with a French company of equestrians under the management of Messrs. Junc & Co. The interior of the building has been newly constructed on the plan of Franconi's Circus in Paris, and it is now the most convenient and elegant amphitheater in the country. Those who are fond of equestrian feats will find plenty of food for wonder and mirth by visiting the exhibition.

Quick & Co's Menagerie opens for exhibition this afternoon. See advertisement.

## THE OCEAN STEAMERS.

UNITED STATES MAIL STEAMERS.

PACIFIC LINE.—Sails from New York, Nov. 5. BALTIMORE, Capt. C. H. Mearns. For Liverpool, Sat. Nov. 16.

COLLINS LINE.—Sails from Liverpool, Nov. 10. ATLANTIC, Capt. West. For New York, Wed. Oct. 30.

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